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SUBJECT: JOINT NATO ECONADS- ECE REPS MEETING, MARCH 15

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BEGIN SUMMARY: NATO ECONAD- ECE REPS HELD USEFUL AND WELL-
ATTENDED JOINT MEETING MARCH 15 IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE
ROLE OF ECE IN CSCE FOLLOW- UP. US CALLED FOR ECONAD STUDY ALONG
LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL. MOST DELEGATIONS GENERALLY AGREED ECE
HAD USEFUL ROLE IN CSCE FOLLOW- UP, BUT THAT DIMENSIONS OF ROLE
COULD NOT BE DETERMINED UNTIL RESULTS OF CONFERENCE KNOWN;
THAT IN MEANTIME, ECE HAD TO BE MAINTAINED AS HEALTHY ORGAN;
AND THAT IT WOULD BE TACTICALLY UNWISE FOR WEST TO PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCE AT PRESENT STAGE OPEN SUPPORT FOR ECE AS FOLLOW- UP ORGAN.
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IT AGREED NATO IS WOULD PREPARE NOTE ON ECE AS FOLLOW- UP
ORGAN WHICH WOULD BE REVIEWED BY SAME GROUP AT MEETING

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 26. END SUMMARY.

1. MORNING LARGELY TAKEN UP WITH GENERAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING RESUME BY REED (NORWAY) OR MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVED IN DOCUMENT E/ ECE/838 BASED ON WESTERN CAUCUS DISCUSSIONS AND TALKS WITH STANOVNIK. HE STRESSED FACT STALEMATE ON TRADE ISSUES ON ECE UNLIKELY TO BE BROKEN DURING 28 TH PLENARY; ENERGY PROPOSALS LIKELY TO BE CONTROVERSIAL; TRANSPORT AND TOURISM MIGHT BE AREAS FOR EARLY MOVEMENT; AND COULD HARDLY EXPECT PROGRESS ON ENVIRONMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DUE TO TIMING DIFFICULTIES WITH CSCE.
2. USDEL (DUNN) MADE PROPOSAL FOR ECONADS STUDY ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTEL AND CIRCULATED US PAPER PREPARED IN GENEVA GIVING SUMMARY OF RECENT ECE WORK IN FIELDS DIRECTLY RELATED TO CSCE ECONOMIC COOPERATION TOPICS AS WELL AS BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RELEVANT ECE DOCUMENTS.
3. FRANCE AND BELGIUM ASSUMED MOST CAUTIOUS POSTURE, INSISTING THAT ONLY AFTER CONFERENCE' S RESULTS ARE KNOW, CAN ECE' S SUITABILITY AS A FOLLOW- UP ORGAN BE ASSESSED. FRENCH DID NOT OBJECT, HOWEVER, TO DRAWING UP DETAILS ON TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED. UK, GERMANY, PORTUGAL, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, AND TURKEY MADE MORE FORTHCOMING STATEMENTS, PRAISING ECE SECRETARIAT, INSISTING IT HAD AS YET AN UNMEASURED ROLE AS FOLLOW- UP ORGAN, AND IN MEANTIME IT BE KEPT VITAL AND HEALTHY. THEY AGREED WITH FRANCE THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO TAKE PUBLIC STAND ON MATTER AT THIS STAGE, AND THAT WEST WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO ADOPT " WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE ON STANOVNIK' S AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT 838 AT TIME OF 28 TH PLENARY. UTILITY OF ECE IN BRINGING EAST AND WEST TOGETHER ON WHOLE RANGE OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WAS ALSO NOTED. INADVISABILITY ON FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL GROUND TO CREATION OF PARALLEL MACHINERY IN ECONOMIC FIELD WAS STRESSED.
4. MOST OF AFTERNOON SESSION SPENT DISCUSSING UK PAPER ON CSCE- ECE LINK (POUCHED TO RPM) AND ON QUESTIONS OF INSTITUTIONAL NATURE. ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECE AND ECOSOC, CONSENSUS WAS THAT WHILE TECHNICALITY OF ECE SUBORDINATION TO ECOSOC WAS A FACT, IN PAST ECOSOC CONTROL HAD BEEN PASSIVE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND THERE NO REASON TO THINK THIS WOULD CHANGE. IT AGREED EE' S ATTITUDE TOWARD ECE IN FOLLOW- UP ROLE WAS AMBIVALENT. EAST ADOPTING WAIT- AND- SEE ATTITUDE AND WOULD WANT CERTAIN CONCESSIONS BEFORE AGREEING TO MAJOR ROLE FOR ECE. ONE CONCESSION WOULD BE TO HAVE AT LEAST 1/3 REPRESENTATION IN SENIOR GRADES OF SECRETARIAT, WHICH WOULD MEAN ONE MORE DIRECTOR OF IMPORTANT SUBSTANTIVE DIVISION. RE FINANCING OF EXTRA TASKS, POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP SPECIALLY EARMARKED TRUST FUNDS AND OF ELIMINATING LOW PRIORITY ACTIVITIES WERE MENTIONED.

QUESTION OF ECE AS OBSERVER AT COMMITTEE STAGE OF CSCE SEEN AS ONE TO BE FACED ONLY AFTER LARGER ISSUE OF EEC AND COMECON REPRESENTATION WAS DECIDED. DISCUSSION ON CANADA'S NON- MEMBERSHIP STATUS IN ECE WAS INCONCLUSIVE, IT BEING DECIDED UK AND CANADA WOULD WORK OUT REVISED POSITION FOR CIRCULATION TO NATO DELS. CANADA STATED IT HOPED IF IT DECIDED TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN ECE THAT NATO ALLIES WOULD SUPPORT.

5. ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP COMMON NATO POSITION ON FUTURE ECE PROGRAMS FOR 28 TH ECE SESSION REVEALED NATIONAL POSITIONS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY ELABORATED. FROM TACTICAL POINT OF VIEW PARTICIPANTS AGREED WEST SHOULD NOT GET TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT OF EAST IN ADVOCATING ROLE FOR ECE IN CSCE, OR IN GIVING EARLY CONSENT TO STANOVNIK' S AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OUTLINED IN CHAPTER IV OF DOCUMENT 838. NOTHING CONCLUSIVE COULD BE DONE UNTIL QUESTION OF CSCE FOLLOW- UP SETTLED.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT A SECOND JOINT MEETING IN BRUSSELS OF GROUP WOULD BE NECESSARY TO REVIEW IS NOTE WHICH WOULD TIE TOGETHER VARIOUS PAPERS AND STATEMENTS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED AT MARCH 15 MEETING. DATE FOR SECOND MEETING TENTATIVELY SET FOR APRIL 26.
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